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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a list of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Olivier Gerard et al., "Efficient model-based quantification of left ventricular function in 3-D echocardiography", *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging*, IEEE Inc., New York, US, Vol. 21, No. 9, September 2002, pp 1059-1068;

B. Johannes Behr et al., "Modelling, visualization, and interaction techniques for diagnosis and treatment planning in cardiology", *Computers & Graphics*, Pergamon Press Ltd., Oxford, GB, Vol. 24, No. 5, October 2000, pp 741-753;

C. U.S. Patent No. 6,443,894 issued to Sumanaweera et al. on September 3, 2002;

D. U.S. Patent No. 5,568,811 issued to Olstad on October 29, 1996; and

E. U.S. Patent No. 5,533,510 issued to Koch III et al. on July 9, 1996.

The above-listed prior art are cited in the Search Report dated March 15, 2004 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 03 02 5736 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

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